AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [0033] – [0034] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0033] When the drain equipment 50 discharges the water in the tub 20 after completion of washing or rinsing, the filter assembly 100 filters the particles ~~involved~~ included in the washing water. When the washing or rinsing is in progress, ~~the filter assembly 100,~~ the filter assembly 100 also filters ~~the~~ particles included in ~~the~~ water pumped ~~over~~ into the tub 20 by a circulation pump (not shown in the drawing) ~~as well~~. In doing so, the pumped water falls into the drum 30 to enhance the washing and rinsing power thereof.

[0034] The filter assembly 100 of the washing machine according to the present invention filters ~~the~~ particles included in the washing water, thereby ~~enabling to prevent~~ preventing the drain or circulation ~~pimp~~ pump from ~~being out of order~~ damage or from making noise. A structure of ~~the~~ such a filter assembly 100 ~~playing such roles~~ is explained in detail as follows.

Please replace paragraphs [0037] – [0039] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0037] First of all, the filter case 100 includes a tub 111, a partition wall 113, and an opening 114. Both ends of the tube 111 are open, and an inlet 112 and an outlet ~~113~~ 115 are provided on an outer circumference of the tube 111. The inlet 112 communicates with the tub 20. On draining, water in the tub 20 and the drum 30 flows into the tube 111 via the inlet 112.

[0038] The partition wall 113 is provided in the tube 111 to partition an internal space of the tube 111 into a first chamber 111a and a second chamber 111b. The first chamber 111a communicates with the inlet 112 and the second chamber 111b communicates with the outlet ~~113~~ 115. Of course, the both open ends of the tube 111, as shown in FIG. 3, communicate with the first and second chambers 111a and 111b, respectively.

[0039] The opening 114 is provided to perforate the partition wall 113. The water flowing into the first chamber 111a via the inlet 112 passes through the opening 114 and the second chamber 111b to be discharged outside via the outlet ~~113~~115.

Please replace paragraphs [0041] – [0042] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0041] Meanwhile, the filter 120, as shown in FIG. 3 and FIG. ~~3~~4, includes a cap 121, a shaft 122, and an extension 123.

[0042] A cap 121 is fitted to the tube 111 to be brought contact with the first chamber 111a. In this case, at least one sealing 121b is provided on an outer circumference of the cap 121. The sealing 121b prevents the water in the first chamber 111a from leaking when the cap 121 is fitted to the tube ~~31~~ 111 to be fixed thereto. Thus, since at least one groove 121a should be provided on the circumference of the cap 121 to be coupled to the sealing 121b, a figure of the cap 121 becomes complicated.

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] The extension 123 extends from a circumference of an end of the shaft 122. The extension 123 is disposed to leave a predetermined gap from the opening 114 to confront the partition wall 113. Hence, the water in the first chamber ~~11a~~ 111a enables to flow in the opening 114 through the gap.

Please replace paragraph [0048] with the following amended paragraph:

[0048] Meanwhile, in the filter assembly ~~110~~ 100, the water having flown in the first chamber 111a should easily form the whirl. Hence, the tube 111, and more particularly, the side of the first chamber 111a is preferably formed cylindrical. Furthermore, the inlet 112 is preferably formed on an outer circumference of the tube 111 along a tangential direction thereof. And, the extension 123, as shown in FIG. 3 and FIG. 4 preferably has a shape of a funnel.

Please replace paragraph [0055] with the following amended paragraph:

[0055] Referring to FIG. 5 and FIG. 6, a filter assembly 100 according to a second embodiment of the present invention includes a filter case 110 and a filter 120. A construction of the filter case 110 according to the second embodiment of the present invention in FIG. 3 and FIG. 4 is closely similar to that of the first embodiment of the present invention, whereby its description is skipped. And, the filter 120 according to the second embodiment of the present invention in FIG. 3 and FIG. 4 is equivalent to that of the first embodiment of the present invention except that a protrusion 123a is further provided to the extension 123, and a handle 121c is provided in the cap 121. A special

feature of the second embodiment according to the present invention is explained in brief by referring to FIG. 5 and FIG. 6 as follows.

Please replace paragraph [0058] with the following amended paragraph:

[0058] FIG. 7A shows an exemplary mold 200 for forming the filter according to the second embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0061] with the following amended paragraph:

[0061] FIG. 7B shows another exemplary mold 300 for forming the filter ~~210~~ 120 according to the second embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace paragraphs [0066] – [0068] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0066] First of all, a laundry is put in the drum 30, the door 15 is closed, and the control panel 17 is operated, in turn. After operation of the control panel ~~110~~ 17, the water supply equipment 40 appropriately supplies water and detergent to the drum 30. While the drum 30 rotates, the laundry is lifted up by the tumbling ribs 35 to fall. The circulation pump pumps the water ~~over~~ into the tub 20 and the pumped water falls into the drum 30 to enhance washing power.

[0067] After completion of washing, the ~~rain~~ drain equipment 50 discharges the used water in the drum 30 and the tub 20 outside. In doing so, the filter assembly 100 filters the particles included in the used water. Of course, the filter assembly 100 filters ~~another~~ other particles in the water pumped by the circulation pump as well. Such a process is explained in brief.

[0068] First of all, once the circulation or drain pump is driven, the water in the drum 30 and tub 20 flows in the first chamber ~~11a~~ 111a via the inlet 112. In doing so, the water revolves centering around the shaft 122 in the first chamber ~~11a~~ 111a to form a whirl.

Please replace paragraph [0071] with the following amended paragraph:

[0071] ~~Besides, the particles~~Particles remaining in the first chamber 111a ~~is~~ are wound around the shaft 122. Furthermore, other particles moving in the central direction of the whirl ~~keep being~~ become entangled with the shaft-wound particles so as to be easily separated from the water. Moreover, the particles failing to ~~pas~~ pass through the narrow gap are attached to the edge of the extension 123. After long time use of the filter assembly 100, the filter 120 is pulled out to be cleaned and is then loaded in the filter case 110 to use.

Please replace paragraph [0073] with the following amended paragraph:

[0073] After completion of rinsing, the drum 30 rotates at high ~~sped~~speed. The corresponding centrifugal force separates water contents from the laundry. After completion of dewatering, the user pulls out the washed and dewatered laundry through the ~~door 15~~entrance 11.